THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRIO. RAJAGOPAL):

(a) Yes, Sir. An amount of Rs. 100 crores (50% loan and 50% grant) was sanctioned from Urban Development fund to Municipal Corporation of Delhi in October, 2001 for construction and strengthening of roads to augment the urban infrastructure.

(b) to (d) No, Sir. The Urban Development Fund is meant for urban infrastructure projects in Delhi only.

Regularization of unauthorized Colonies in Delhi

2796. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had earlier decided to regularise unauthorised colonies which had come up all over Delhi upto 31st March, 1993;

(b) whether the Delhi Government had demanded that the cut-of year for the purpose should be 1998; and

(c) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) Yes, Sir. The Union Government had agreed, in principle, to regularize those unauthorized colonies which had come up in Delhi upto 31.3.1993 and which conforms to the guidelines formulated for the purpose.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The Government had constituted a Committee to examine the guidelines and to suggest modifications/amendments required, if any, so as to facilitate the expeditious regularization of unauthorized colonies. The Committee has recently submitted its report.

Expansion of Delhi Metro for whole NCR

2797. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to expand Delhi Metro to the whole of the National Capital Region; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the revised programme of phases for introduction of Metro in NCR?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRIO. RAJAGOPAL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Fixation of pay scale of Drivers of DDA

†2798. SHRI H.K. JAVARE GOWDA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that when the minimum pay scale of Rs. 950 of drivers was fixed by the Fourth Central Pay Commission and then the Delhi Development Authority as per the previous practice had fixed it at Rs. 1150 but when the Fifth Central Pay Commission had merged both the pay scales then the pay scale of some drivers of DDA was fixed at Rs. 3575 and the rest at Rs. 3050;

(b) whether Delhi Development Authority would fix the minimum pay scale of drivers at Rs. 3575 corresponding to the minimum pay scale of Rs. 1150 as per the previous practice;

(c) if so, by when; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor and the opinion of the legal cell of DDA in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) to (d) The Fourth Pay Commission had recommended the minimum pay of Rs. 950 for the Drivers, but the minimum pay of Drivers in Delhi Development Authority (DDA), at that time was Rs. 1150. The Fifth Pay Commission merged the three pay scales of Rs. 950-1400, Rs. 950-1500 and Rs. 1150-1500 into a single pay scale of Rs. 3050-4590.

DDA had fixed the minimum pay of some of the Drivers at Rs. 3575 and the remaining were given minimum pay of Rs. 3050. DDA has reported that to remove this discrepancy a Committee was formed, which concluded

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.